

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending in this application. Claims 27-31 are allowed. Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13, 15-25, 32-37, 41 and 42 are rejected. Claims 9, 12, 14, 26, 39, 40, and 43-47 are subject to objection. Claims 1, 5, 18, 22, 32, 42, and 44 are currently amended. Claims 4, 9, 21, 26, 41, and 43 are now cancelled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As currently amended, all of the claims recite subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. In particular, the language of claims subject to objection, including intermediary claims, has been incorporated into the rejected independent claims.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-4001 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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